

Seng House
San Antonio, Texas.

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Historic American Buildings Survey
Bartlett Cooke, District Officer
615 Maverick Bldg., San Antonio, Texas.

THE SENG HOUSE (TYPICAL ADOBE)

Corner of Bowler and Macopeloches Sts., Bexar County,
San Antonio, Texas.

Owner: William Herpel, Alamo Nation Bank, San Antonio, Texas.

Date of Erection: 1842

Architect: Unknown

Builder: Magnus Seng

Present Condition: Poor

Number of Stories: One

Materials of Construction: Adobe, cypress, oak and pine.

Other Existing Records: None

Additional Data:

This house is the most typical of the early adobe houses built in and around San Antonio. The plan consists of five rooms, constructed in a row one next to the other. Window frames, door frames, sash and panelling are of cypress; flooring of tongue and grooved, random width pine. The ceilings were originally suspended canvas or cheesecloth, which was the practice of that time. Windows are casement type; doors are casement or French with four upper divisions of glass and a lower panel of cypress. The house was originally roofed with hand split cypress shingles, now replaced with a standing seam galvanized iron roof. Roof pitch about seven to twelve; it is hipped over the main portion of the house. The lean-to roof in the rear covered a latter addition which contained four rooms, judging the foundation remains. This rear portion is in complete ruins.

The original builder, Magnus Seng, is the grandfather of the present Owner, Mr. William Herpel. Mrs. Herpel, mother of Mr. William Herpel, is still living, is now eighty five years of age, and states that the house was built before her birth.

The information contained herein is partly attributable to Mr. William Herpel.

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